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EDITORIAL

Bern (CHP)--The Editor of this magazine/newspaper, John Boyer of Switzerland, has a few things on his mind. First of all, this game appears to be about ready to go. In order to promote press, we will have a Winter 1913 season before we actually start the war.

Additionally, a few questions that have been brought up by the readers of Aquarius will have to be answered if we wish to start off on the right foot. Allow me to consider them:

One question asked was on the bourse rules. It appears that there may be some doubt about rule #9. Just how many units is one allowed to sell during one season? The limit mentioned in rule #9 is meant for each currency. Thus, one would be allowed to sell 500 units of English pounds during Fall, 1915, as an example. Also, one would be allowed to buy as much as he wants and only would be restricted by how much he sells. One must have Diplodollars from sales in order to buy currency units in any same season. Example: Fall 1915 sees English pounds at the price of 150 diplodollars per 100 units (the basic unit of sales and purchases). Player of France decides to sell 500 units of English pounds in order to purchase more units of his own currency, francs. His sales gives him 5 times 150 diplodollars or 750. This must be used to purchase another currency during same season. Note that no one is allowed to hoard diplodollars. Diplodollars are just a means by which relative values of

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NEW EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION STARTS ON THE CONTINENT!

Bern (CHP)--The new organization, the Council of Nations, was started when 12 nations joined in a compact for peace in Europe through organization for harmony, blah, blah. The following have agreed to enter the Council of Nations: Italy (James Massar), Russia (Chic Hilliker), France (Bruce Chin), Austria-Hungary, (Mark Tonnesen), Germany (Herb Barents), Turkey (Walt Elank), England (Richard Greenwell), North Africa (John Hulland), Denmark (Dick Trtek), Sweden (Tom Keller), Serbia (Douglas Dick), and Belgium (John DePrisco). Representatives Baird, Cooper, Mahler, Brooks and Beyerlein haven't indicated which country they will represent (either for press, game analyses, or non-dippy games). We hope they will let us know soon as possible. Complete details are on page four.

Diplomatic relations are being considered by the Bern government with Mr. Coooper. It is up to Mr. Cooper's government to come through with their promised financial aid to our country (Switz.). Mr. Walter Buchanan's government has made unique arrangements with our government to receive this newspaper, the Aquarius. Diplomatic and financial ties are welcomed with other nations of Europe.

For the interesting and inspiring thing about America, gentlemen, is that she asks nothing for herself except what she has a right to ask for humanity itself.

--Woodrow Wilson

CRISIS APPEARS!

Bern (CHP)--The National Swiss Government noted today that a crisis was beginning to loom in Europe. Already, the larger powers are beginning to rearm themselves for a war. All war factories have been seen at full production levels. In the Council of Nations, member nations are already belligerent towards each other. Furious trading of European currencies are predicted for the Winter 1913 session, and press efforts are known to be demanded by all governments. With the financial, military and political arenas all approaching crises, we are sure that Europe will most likely break out in a terrible war of the likes never seen before. Indeed, remarked Prime Minister Boyer of the Swiss Government, he felt that war was inevitable! What have we wrought? What will we wring? Or is that wrang? Who knows? Tune in next issue to find the trends!!

FAMOUS ASTROLOGER CLAIMS THAT THIS IS AGE OF AQUARIUS!

Bern--Famous Astrologer, Mr. Howard Mahler, has written an entire article for our newspaper, and which we will present for the reader's education and enjoyment! The Age of Aquarius by H. M.

The Earth's axis of rotation is tilted $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ with respect to the Earth's orbit around the Sun (this leads to the seasons). However, the Earth is wobbling like a top (mainly due to the pull of the sun on the Earth's equatorial bulge),

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all currencies can be kept. In our example, the French player could then attempt to buy 750 diplodollars' worth of his francs....in our example, it could be 200 diplodollars for 100 units of francs (or spoken as 100 francs). In this case, the French player could buy 375 francs. So far, nice and clear except for glaring ambiguities. The rules seem to indicate that you must buy in purchases of 100 units, 200 units, 300 and so on. I must rule that this need not be. Only in determining prices will we go by that rule of blocks of 100. For each 100 units sold, the currency will drop 1 diplodollar per 100 units. Thus, the drop per unit will be only 1/100th of a diplodollar.

Now, no one can hoard diplodollars, so the GM must convert any excess sales back into their original currencies at each season's end of business. Thus, it will be assumed that the players will be able to calculate themselves the amount they need to sell in order to purchase some other currency in a desired amount.

Perhaps I should give an example of one year's transactions? This will mean some work, but I will list the examples' results for each season in a theoretical first year on a partial basis.

Winter 1913--All currencies are at price level of 100 diplodollars per 100 units of each currency, i.e., 100 francs equals 100 diplodollars in Winter 1913.

Spring 1914 orders are based upon Winter 1913 prices. We represent three players:

Player A: Sells--100 francs, 200 marks, and 300 pounds. Buys--600 Lires

Player B: Sells--250 marks, 100 roubles, and 150 pounds. Buys--500 piastres

Player C: Sells--99 piastres, 200 lires. Buys--299 pounds.

All orders were legal since each player made equal sales and purchases. Currencies, however, now have different values in terms of diplodollars:

| Old Price | Currency | Sold | Bought | Change | NPr. |
|-----------|----------|------|--------|--------|------|
| 100 | Pounds | 450 | 299 | -151 | 99 |
| 100 | Francs | 100 | --- | -100 | 99 |
| 100 | Marks | 450 | --- | -450 | 96 |
| 100 | Lires | 200 | 600 | +400 | 104 |
| 100 | Crowns | --- | --- | --- | 100 |
| 100 | Roubles | 100 | --- | -100 | 99 |
| 100 | Piastres | 99 | 500 | +401 | 104 |

Fall 1914 orders are based upon Spring 1914 prices.

Player A: Sells--400 marks (384 diplodollars) Buys--369 lires (383 diplos) loses fraction of diplodollar in transaction.

Player B: Sells--200 marks (192 diplos), and 100 francs (99 diplos). Buys--279 piastres (cont. next col.)

(290 diplos) also loses a fraction of a diplodollar in transaction.

Player C: Sells--500 piastres and 500 lires.

Buys--1050 pounds (1039 diplos; 500 piastres was worth 520 diplos and same for lires)

Player C also loses a fraction of a diplo in the transaction.

| Old Pr. | Currency | Sold | Bought | Chnge | New Pr. |
|---------|----------|------|--------|-------|---------|
| 99 | pounds | --- | 1050 | +1050 | 109 |
| 99 | francs | 100 | --- | -100 | 98 |
| 96 | marks | 600 | --- | -600 | 90 |
| 104 | lires | 500 | 369 | -131 | 103 |
| 100 | crowns | --- | --- | --- | 100 |
| 99 | roubles | --- | --- | --- | 99 |
| 104 | piastres | 500 | 279 | -221 | 102 |

So, you can see who has been making the money. However, players A and B could agree next season to unload 1000 units of pounds (if they have that much in their "portfolio") on the market in an attempt to cut down Player C's worth. Player C can either try to offset this expected action with buying as much as he can, but in the end, the other players (being more than just two in a game) would prevail and Player C would be ruined. However, Player C could get out of pounds and into crowns probably making a kill along the way. Of course, all this jumping around will be controlled by the military results of the diplomacy game. No one will dare buy marks if Germany is rapidly going out of the game. At this point of the example, it can be assumed that this is what has happened to Germany--the only reason why all three players would be selling marks. Interesting, huh??

So, these two points should be remembered: you need not buy in blocks of hundreds because that cannot be done. Prices, however, will be reflected in blocks of 100 units. Also, you cannot hoard diplodollars (and thus escape price fluctuations) and the GM/Boursemaster will convert back any excess sales into their original currencies. Fractions will be lost. If it should happen, for example, that one currency unit equals more than one diplodollar, then minimal holdings in diplodollars will be allowed, but these will be converted back or used up in next season. At all times, the least possible amount of diplodollars in anyone's holdings will be kept.

I hope that answers all of your questions on the bourse.

So far, there were no questions on the Council of Nations, but I will be prepared to run into them once this game starts. As a matter of fact, we will call for proposals to be made this Winter 1913. Spring 1914 will have debates from other players of Winter 1913 proposals as well as Spring 1914 proposals. Fall 1914 will have votes on Winter 1913

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proposals, debates on Spring 1914 proposals and introductions of Fall 1914 proposals. Winter 1914 will be similar with the addition of the election of the Council's General Secretary--a post worth 30 prestige points for a year of office. Of course, each year you have a new election--unless rules have been changed. This is the fun part of this game. Within sane limits, I will allow the players to change the rules of this game as one could expect in real life situations. I will have final say on changes of rules. You should have no trouble knowing what can be done after a year or two.

One potential problem may arise with this game--an overwhelming amount of proposals. If this is the case, I will simplify the problem by giving each proposal a number and instead of having to reprint each season the proposal, we use the number to find out what we're debating or voting upon. Even still, it could get overwhelming, and I may have to instill a rule of limiting number of proposals. However, I will hope that the players of the game will make the necessary change in rules. If and when this game crowds out the other two and you don't like it, you can always pass a motion/proposal to limit proposals in any way you please. Simple? Weird!

In the Diplomacy game itself (hmm...that sounds like a familiar game...), we will be starting with Winter 1914 propaganda and to give us more time to set up a full set of first standbys. Come on you guys--won't you be a first standby? It will guarantee you as the replacement should the original player default under our rules (2 times in a row). With all the money sunk into this zine, you won't have to worry about stepping in, if you really don't want to. If we can't get a full roster, then we will have to use the conventional list of standbys and just rotate the names around each year.

Oh yes, before I forget....though we're starting with Winter 1913, we will also be starting the Bourse game along with the Council of Nations game. I hope that everyone will participate in these two non-dippy games. To make it easier for you in the bourse game, I will accept orders on purchases such as buy all you can with diplodollars from sales. You can split this up anyway you like and I'll figure it out in a jiffy with my electronic calculator. However, all bourse-master purchases in such cases will be final. Let me remind you that you can make almost any condition for buying and selling currency except on actions of other players in that same season. Only actions on conditional retreats or builds, or moves will be allowed

as conditions for bourse orders. Example: GM calls for conditional winter builds on possible Autumn retreats. Bourse players may make sales and purchases conditional upon Winter builds. If there were no retreats, the GM, of course, wouldn't call for conditional Winter orders and the bourse players wouldn't be allowed to base their orders on Winter build/removal orders.

Propaganda and gamezine format is the last area to be covered in this long editorial. Last issue, I hoped you noticed my small attempts at humor in the two ads on page 2. This is the sort of thing that I would like seen done. That is, I will accept all such facets of newspapers that we have in newspapers. Even an editorial column! Of course, I will ask that you keep your editorials to the issues at hand in 1913 or 1914 or whatever game year we're in. If anyone can draw comic strips, I'll use them. Just put your pictures on thin paper and I can then trace it right onto the stencil. I can fill in with shading as you desire. How about some Dear Abby column? We can direct our players to write to our Dear Abby volunteer and then that player will send me the choice questions with his choice answers! Crossword puzzles? Sports? The whole book is open! Just ask me if you want to be our regular feature editor or whatever. We'll work out the details.

Propaganda will have to be "signed" in the bylines by way of ownership of provinces and areas on the mapboard during that season. The rules for this and contents have been spelled out in Issue #3 of Aquarius. For God's sake, if you don't have the rules--give me hell!

Oh yes, let me know if you don't have the house rules I will be using (same as for Impassable). If you don't like to worry about it, okay with me. All I ask is that your orders be on big sheets of paper on one side only (if on both sides--its at your risk!), clearly printed or typed (typed if you have long press!), and orders clearly stated and spelled out. I think the only players without my houserules would be Barents and Greenwell. If you guys want it, just ask.

Last, I hope that more people will join the zine and enter the other two games. The more the merrier! (I think) I also hope that everyone will play both non-dippy games--please give it a try! I will assume for the moment that everyone is playing. If you don't play both, that will be clear enough to me as time goes by. But, I think you will have more fun for your money if you do! End.

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An effect of this is the fact that the celestial north pole (the place where the Earth's axis seems to intersect the sky) moves in a circle of radius $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ (Polaris is only the North Star temporarily). It goes around this circle once in 26,000 years. As this happens, the vernal equinox, the position of the sun in the sky relative to the "fixed stars" on the first day of Spring, moves around the zodiac. It takes about 2,000 years for the vernal equinox to move through each of the 12 constellations of the zodiac (which forms a great circle in the sky which the sun moves around once in one year).

The ancient Egyptians were in the Age of the Bull (Taurus) while the ancient Greeks lived in the Age of the Ram (Aries) since the vernal equinox was then in those constellations. It was during the Age of Aries that the Tropic of Cancer (Capricorn) got its name because the sun was in this Constellation when it was furthest north (south) at the beginning of summer (Winter).

Around the time of Christ we began the Age of the Fish (Pisces). It was no accident that the early Christians adopted the fish as their symbol. In about 640 years, the vernal equinox will cross the modern boundary of the Water Bearer (Aquarius). This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius. [End.]
Bern (CHP)--My apologies, we're not in the Age of Aquarius. Boo, hoo! Sniff, sniff!

SWISS GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES THE
RESULTS OF RECENT EMPLOYMENT
APPLICATIONS FOR DIPLOMATIC JOBS!

Bern (CHP)--The Swiss Government (full member of the Council of Nations) has released a report that gave full details on the recent mass changeover in diplomatic staffs of many European countries in the wake of last year's continent-wide scandals. Below, you will find the usual table of preferences and final results were determined by a flip of the Swiss dollar. Your selection is underlined.

Major Countries:

| | | |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Massar: | <u>I</u> R T F A E G | Our apologies to |
| Hilliker: | R T E F A <u>I</u> G | the new German |
| Chin: | <u>F</u> R T A G I E | diplomat. He just |
| Tonnesen: | R A G I F E T | picked a lousy set |
| Barents: | <u>I</u> <u>E</u> F T R G A | of preferences! |
| Blank: | I T R G A F <u>E</u> | You win some, you |
| Greenwell: | <u>E</u> A R F G T I | lose some... |

Minor Countries:

Hulland: Naf; Trtek: Den, Cooper (?): Ice;
Keller: Swe; Dick: Ser; DePrisco: Bel;
Mahler: ? Baird: ? Sorry, but we don't
have or can't find lists for others. We will

give them another chance to pick what they want before we assign them a country. We are also hoping Mr. Beyerlein and Mr. Brooks will also pick countries. That way, their press/analyses will be more "authentic" for our zine purposes. As for those who sent in choices, there were no conflicts! Everyone got their first choices. Please, sign up as first standbys! We need four more!

NEXT AQUARIUS GAME DEADLINE!

Bern (CHP)--The Swiss Government has declared that May 11th will be the deadline for the following national actions applicable: Winter 1913 propaganda, Winter 1913 Council of Nations proposals and their introductory debates, and Winter 1913 Bourse orders. Also, we are asking for the rest to send in minor country preferences, and for more people to sign up for first standby positions. Remember: the next deadline is--

MAY 11, 1973 at noon, eastern time--that's a Friday! Don't forget that now!! Or we'll...

JOB OPENINGS IN AQUARIUS

Aquarius (CHP)--The Editor of this famous tri-weekly Swiss newspaper, Aquarius, John Boyer, has found that he needs more staff workers in order to keep the high quality of standards maintained in the past. He stated to the public officials of Bern that he has openings for the following positions: Ad men, cartoonists, political satirists, editorial writers, crossword experts, word game experts, quote experts, bourse and Council of Nations reporters/analysts, cover artists (?), article writers, astrologer for astrology column, a Dear Abby column or its equivalent, and many more positions that can be thought of. He stressed the fact that the newspaper desperately needed hard news from all the countries in Europe. Only with complete cooperation would the paper prosper as it should. He ended by remarking that anyone can contact him at his address: 117 Garland Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Last, he mentioned the fact that a complete mailing list of all people would be found on the mailing cover for this small issue of Aquarius, and that one should not overlook that important list!

NOTICE: Jamul's Junkyard went out of business last month due to lack of business. Toc bad!

Dear Richard: Everything here should help clear all of your questions. Please send me list of preferences for Bourse and C. of N. (please play both?). Got your letter after \$5 was mailed. You're #18 on mailing list. Sorry, but I don't have time to be standby.

keep smilin'

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Other people such as Calhamer and Moot are receiving complimentary copies. Additional copies are going out now and then for advertisement purposes and in hopes of getting more readers. Current sub rate for this zine is 12 issues for \$2.00. This will go up whenever the U.S. Postage rates goes up--sometime this summer. So, if you want to extend your sub, now is the time! For those subbing to this zine, your sub will start with next issue (#6 and will run either to 17 or 29 depending on your length of sub as it now stands). This zine is only as good as you make it to be! Send in material, send in press, send in your orders, PLAY, PLAY, PLAY!

One final reminder: Next deadline is Friday, May 11, 1973 at noon, eastern time.

P.S. Do I have your telephone number?

Until next issue, Peace!

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